

My name is Meg Sher, I'm the assistant director of the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village. Our library serves a population of 1,200, the second smallest town in the state. The elimination of Connecticard funding from the next year's budget is concerning for me as the librarian who oversees inter library loans at the Hunt. Without this valuable service our patrons would be limited to the physical collection owned by the library, which is curtailed by space and budget constraints. As important, it allows our library to share our collection with others, including our extensive organic gardening and homesteading section, classic mysteries and art books. Our tiny library sends away 40-60 books every week and receives just as many in return from libraries across the state. Connecticard allows a homeschooling mom and her son to study subjects which interest and excite him. It allows an elderly patron to read all of C. P. Snow's mysteries. A homebound woman has been able to entertain herself when the cable is out with dvds borrowed from other generous libraries. Our children's librarian can try out books before she decides to buy them herself. The connecticard service is invaluable to our patrons and to our library. Please consider putting the funding for connecticard back into the budget.

Respectfully,

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